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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station, 2nd Floor
Boston, MA 02110

Re: NSTAR Electric/NSTAR Gas, D.T.E. 05-85 — Extension of Deadline for Capital Projects Scheduling List

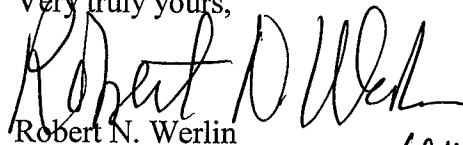
Dear Ms. Cottrell:

In compliance with paragraph 2.25 of the Settlement Agreement approved by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy's (the "Department") on December 30, 2005 in the above-referenced matter, Boston Edison Company ("Boston Edison"), Cambridge Electric Light Company ("Cambridge") and Commonwealth Electric Company ("Commonwealth") (together, "NSTAR Electric") were scheduled to file with the Department and the Attorney General a detailed Capital Projects Scheduling List on February 1, 2006. On February 7, 2006, NSTAR Electric notified the Department that it needed additional time to develop the filing and that it anticipated making the filing no later than February 17, 2006.

NSTAR Electric continues to work with the Attorney General to finalize that filing, and therefore, requires additional time to complete the filing. NSTAR Electric anticipates making the filing no later than February 22, 2006, and can represent that the Attorney General has assented to this schedule. The Company has not yet had a chance to contact the other parties to indicate the need for additional time, but will do so by the close of business today and will notify the Department of any concerns that arise with this postponement (although the Company does not anticipate that such a concern will be raised).

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,


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